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SUBJECT: UNRWA FINANCES--EARLY PAYMENT OF US CASH CONTRIBUTION

REF: (A) BEIRUT 985; (B) STATE 25207

1. UNRWA COMGEN RENNIE, WHO GRATEFUL FOR DEPT'S EFFORTS PROVIDE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF FY 1974 US CASH CONTRIBUTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, POINTS OUT THAT UNRWA'S CASH POSITION FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY IS CAUSING HIM GREAT CONCERN. NOTES THAT AGENCY HAS LESS THAN DOLS 1 MILLION ON HAND TO COVER ANTICIPATED MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF DOLS 4.5 MILLION. RENNIE CONTINUING PRESS VARIOUS OTHER DONOR GOVTS FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF THEIR PLEDGED CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT HE REQUESTS DEPT PROVIDE MORE CONCRETE INDICATION OF HOW SOON PAYMENT REMAINDER OF US CASH CONTRIBUTION CAN BE EXPECTED. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.

2. RENNIE ALSO REPORTS THAT PROSPECTS OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL EEC CONTRIBUTION OF "SEVERAL MILLION" DOLS FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION EXPENSES (PARA 2 BEIRUT 923) NOW APPEAR "FAIRLY GOOD". HE NOTES THAT SHOULD SUCH CONTRIBUTION BE FORTHCOMING (WHICH WOULD ALLEVIATE BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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BY NO MEANS RESOLVE AGENCY'S ACUTE FINANCIAL CRISIS),

COMBINED ASSISTANCE DONATED TO UNRWA THIS YEAR BY EEC
AND RPT AND ITS NINE MEMBER GOVTS WOULD FOR FIRST TIME
TOTAL MORE THAN USG'S ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION.

3. RENNIE ALSO EXPECTS UNSYG WALDHEIM WILL ISSUE ANOTHER
APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO UNRWA, PROBABLY ON
FEB 12.
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